

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In response to the Office communication dated March 16, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following summary of the telephonic interview held on March 11, 2004 between Examiner Reagan and Mr. Jeffrey Klayman. Mr. Klayman pointed out that a statement by Examiner Reagan in the office action of February 18, 2004 was incorrect. Applicant does not concede that the combination of Pare and Bianco uses biometrics to allow a user to change or modify personal data. In fact, it is Applicants' position that Pare and Bianco do not teach this limitation. Examiner Reagan agreed to withdraw the assertion against Applicants. There were no other exhibits or demonstrations.

2. Claims 1, 2, 9, 17, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 41, 43, and 47 have been amended.

The amendments of claims 1, 2, 17, 29, 30, 31, 36, and 39 clarify that, in accordance with embodiments of the invention as claimed, a subject claiming to be a specified user is permitted to modify the specified user's personal, medical, or emergency information only if the subject is authenticated as the specified user by providing a new set of physiological identifiers having at least one member matching a corresponding member in the specified user's data set, so that the database is administered under principles requiring that the specified user's personal information stored in the data set, provided by the specified user, is user-modifiable only on authentication of the specified user. Thus, the present invention as claimed can provide trusted databases for registration of personal information and user authentication that are both user populated and user maintained. Biometric authentication can be used to control modification of the user's personal, medical, or emergency information. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Pare, Bianco, Berson, nor the other art of record, alone or in combination, teach or otherwise suggest such trusted databases for registration

of personal information and user authentication. Applicants' arguments and remarks from the office action response of February 2, 2004 are maintained in full.

The amendments of claims 9, 21, 22, 41, 43, and 47 place the multiple dependencies in their correct (alternative) form.

3. Claims 1-50 are pending in this application. All pending claims are believed to be in a form suitable for allowance. Therefore, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Jeffrey T. Klayman, if it will assist further examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey T. Klayman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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